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Dear Friend,



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As the second session of the 113th Congress begins, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some of what I've been working on in Washington and LA. As you may have heard, on Thursday, January 30, [I announced](#) that I would not seek reelection this November. It has been my great pleasure to represent the 33rd District of California, and you can count on me to use my remaining months in Congress to continue to fight for the issues important to you.

Earthquakes and Fracking

I [recently requested](#) a joint hearing to investigate possible seismic activity induced by hydraulic fracturing activities. In October, the U.S. Geological Survey and the Oklahoma Geological Survey warned that the injection of wastewater generated from oil and gas activities, such as fracking, may be a potential contributing factor to the over-tenfold increase in earthquake frequency in Oklahoma since 2009. It's critical that Congress investigate this matter.

The Affordable Care Act and You

To date, over six million people have gained access to health insurance through Medicaid or private health insurance plans through the Affordable Care Act. One constituent from Redondo Beach shared that "we're going from \$870 for 3



people (1 adult, two kids) to \$300 for 4 people. This is the best thing to happen to our family in years.”

Have you been affected by the Affordable Care Act? Please tell me your story about the ACA by [clicking here](#).

The Future of the LA Times

In late 2013 the Tribune Company, which owns the LA Times, announced it may spin off its newspaper unit. The LA Times is the largest metropolitan newspaper in the country and the primary source of news for millions of people in Southern California. I've raised concerns that provisions of the spin-off, such as the requirement that the newspaper unit take on additional debt, could endanger its long term viability. I've asked the Tribune Company for further information about the potential spin-off and am doing all I can to protect this vital source of news. You can read my letter [here](#).

The Dangerous Anti-Environmental Agenda of the House of Representatives

Last Congress was the most anti-environment Congress on record. Unfortunately, during the first session of the current 113th Congress, the House has continued down its anti-environment path. In December, [I released a report](#) showing that the Republican-led House voted for the anti-environment position 109 times in 2013, including 51 votes to benefit the oil and gas industry at the expense of the environment.

Investigating Pollution at Santa Monica Airport

A recent study released by scientists at UCLA and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) suggested that ultrafine particle levels—which can cause a range of health impacts—were between four and thirty-seven times higher in the area downwind of Santa Monica Airport in a neighboring area. [I've called for](#) the South Coast Air Quality Management District to immediately assess these reports and use its authority to issue actionable recommendations to address potential problems.

It has been a great honor for me to serve in Congress for nearly 40 years. I want to thank you for following my work and keeping me informed of the issues that matter to you. You can read my full statement about my retirement [on my website](#), and a report about my work during my tenure in Congress [here](#).

Sincerely,



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